

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-45 are currently active in this case. Claims 11-19 have been cancelled, Claim 39 has been amended, and Claims 46-54 have been added, by way of the present amendment. Each new and amended claim is supported by the specification and claims as originally submitted and no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Official Action Claims 39-42 were objected to; and Claims 11-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Shieh* (U.S. Pat No. 6,591,098) in view of *Hendrickson* (U.S. Patent No. 6,745,011).

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's identification of allowable subject matter in Claims 1-9 and 20-45.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the courtesy of an interview granted by Examiner Le on February 15, 2005.

Applicants have amended Claim 39 as suggested by the Examiner during the interview.

Applicants respectfully request cancellation without prejudice of Claims 11-19.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of new Claims 46-54. Each new claim is respectfully submitted as being patentable over the cited art references.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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